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IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES

Check the DOE Web site for the remaining technical training session dates that offer information on constructing the long-range plan.

www.state.nj.us/education
Click on: School Facilities

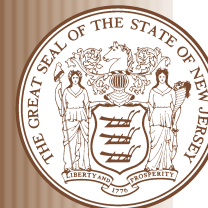
October 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Plan to attend the group session at the New Jersey School Boards Association fall workshop in Atlantic City – “Your District and the School Facilities Act.” There will be a presentation by the Department of Education and The Economic Development Authority, followed by an opportunity for questions.

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WHY A LONG-RANGE PLAN?

On July 18, 2000, Governor Christie Whitman signed the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act into law creating the most comprehensive school construction program in the country.

In order for your district to be eligible for state aid reimbursement for construction costs approved since September 1, 1998, the law requires the submission of a Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) to the Commissioner of Education no later than December 15, 2000.

The Commissioner will then review the plan and decide if it is approvable. **Without an approved Long-Range Facilities Plan, there can be no state aid.**

INITIAL INVESTMENT FOR STATE REIMBURSEMENT

The timeline in the new school construction act is short and, therefore, very intensive.

In order to secure your district's share of the school construction funds, you will be required to quickly obtain the resources needed to prepare an approvable Long-Range Facilities Plan.

Because of time constraints for submitting the plan, your school district staff may need to contract with outside experts to assure that, in accordance with the specific provisions of the law, your facilities plan accommodates your local programs designed to deliver the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Investments made in planning will pay off by helping your community defray its construction costs.

SOURCES OF HELP

The DOE training sessions occur in various parts of the state through October. Each district was asked to have two representatives attend a session.

To assist you in the preparation of your plan, there are architects and educational consultants who are familiar with the requirements of the long-range plan whose services you could contract.

For guidance in the selection process, the county superintendents' offices can assist you, or your staff may call a DOE facilities contact number for your county listed in this brochure.